



To Learn

&

To Love

TERM 4 WEEK 9, 8 December

This Week at St Kieran's

The countdown begins to wrap up a wonderful year of blessings and gratitude. It began with the Carols on Friday evening. The students sang joyfully. They dressed in Christmas colours to brighten and share the news for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day. The families sang along and enjoyed each other's company. Santa had a wonderful time ringing the bell and surprised us with his athletic cartwheels. The Parent Band sang and played the Carols throughout the evening, entertaining us with their talent. It was a spectacular evening. I particularly thank Kerrie Wetzlar and Eleanor Hill for co-ordinating the event, the talented Gordon St Band: Jody Houston, Ben Shaw, Jane Silcock, Olivia Mortlock, Kerrie Wetzlar, Tim Silcock as Santa and Conor Foley for his MC skills. A showcase of talent and gifts!

I would like to acknowledge the members of the School Advisory Team: Katrina Beaman (Chair), Fr Dave, Heber Delaney, Alyson Perry, Wayne Reade, Leigh MacKay and Marisa Bombardieri. The team have worked tirelessly all year meeting once a term as a sounding board, sharing their collective wisdom and discerning agenda items crucial to parent engagement, school improvement and community consultation. Each member has supported me tremendously in their welcome as a new principal, as the voice of parents bringing to the team their professional expertise.

I wholeheartedly thank each member for their act of service on behalf of the school and parish community.

I particularly acknowledge Heber Delaney who has served for several years on the team. This term he concludes his role because his son Max finishes in Year 6. Thank you Heber for your gift to the team. Katrina has served on the team for 12 years and 4 of those years as Chair. Katrina steps down this year after a loyal and long standing membership. Katrina's advocacy and parent leadership has been professional, pastoral and supportive of St Kieran's over the years. She is a remarkable woman of faith is contemplative and insightful. I thank her wholeheartedly for her support to me in my role and school wide. Leigh MacKay has graciously accepted my invitation to Chair the Advisory Team in 2023. Leigh only joined this year, and has made a significant contribution. We welcome Leigh as Chair and wish her well in steering the Team to continue to build a positive school and parish community.

Change is the only constant. The following staff will take well deserved long service leave commencing in 2023:

Julia Postle - Term 1 only and returning in Term 2. Replacing Julia in the Administration Office is Mrs Christine Brunsden (Chrissy) and Anna Jones.

Mrs Karen Hughes will take leave of the entire school year with the intention to return in 2024. Mrs Lucy Middleton will replace Karen as the one day REC Executive Release Teacher.

Gabrielle Williams - Term 1 only and returning in Term 2. Replacing Gabrielle is Melissa Monterrosa and Narelle Leathem. As you know, Kerrie Wetzlar takes leave for the year with the intention to return in 2024. Mrs Nikki Delrennie will replace Kerrie in the acting REC role.

We wish Julia, Karen, Gabrielle and Kerrie all the very best in their time taking a break and to enjoy the opportunities they create in their travels and with their families. Keep safe and well!

Due to the Swimming Carnival on Monday, the Student Merit Awards will be acknowledged at a special School Assembly on Thursday 15 Dec. Swimming ribbons and awards will also be acknowledged at this Assembly.

Anna Marsella
Principal

Merit Awards

KB: Darcy W, Valerie D
KW: All KW
1B: Anneliese H, Charlie Mc
2B: Caden B, Owen L
3B: Kate L, Cooper T
3W: Callum D, Thomas Mc
4B: Allegra C, Madison B
4W: All 4W
5B: Zofia K, Riley R
5W: Mila C, Jacinta W
6B: Emilia G, Sebastian D S
PE: Louisa K, Ryan W

Happy Birthday...

...to the following students celebrating a birthday this week:

6 December: Louisa K
7 December: Ian G
8 December: Zac B
10 December: Benny L
11 December: Jad M

Learning and Teaching

We are in the stages of finalising the organisation around an Occupational Therapist being able to work from our school premises. In this week's newsletter you will see some information regarding contact details for the OT should you wish to employ her services.

Lisa Hughes comes to us with a sound reputation and great expertise in her field. We look forward to welcoming her into our school community. Lisa will work from the school on Thursdays commencing a few weeks into the new school year.

Reports are being made available this Friday for all parents. I would encourage you download a PDF copy of the report and keep this on file as a record of your child's progress.

Marisa Bombardieri
Assistant Principal

Religious Education

END OF YEAR MASS – Friday 16 Dec: 11.30am

Christmas Carols signalled a return to our community spirit of old. Thank you to Eleanor Hill who took carriage of the event. A huge thank you to THE GORDON ST BAND. Jody Houston, Jane Silcock, Olivia Mortlock and musical director Ben Shaw. Conor Foley deserves congratulations for his role as MC, thank you Conor. A special thank you to the man in red, Tim Silcock. His energetic performance did not fail to entertain, thank you.



Vinnies Christmas Hampers

Thank you to the wonderful group of parents, led by Julio Donato, who packed, sealed and moved the hampers to the back of the hall. The generosity of our school community is overwhelming. Thank you to everyone for contributing so generously to the Vinnies Hamper appeal.

Parish News

- For all Parish bulletins from the Catholic community of North Harbour please click [here](#)
- Parish Gospel and Homily recordings [Facebook](#) or via [You Tube](#)
- For information regarding Sacraments please contact Janette Davidson on 0408 866 521 or via email: Sacraments@northharbourcatholic.org.au

On Wednesday 14 Dec at 8.45 Julio and some parent helpers will be organising the hampers into delivery runs at the back of the hall. Any assistance you can give on this day is greatly appreciated. Please meet Julio at the front of the hall at 8.45.

Saturday 17 Dec at 8 am is the day of THE BIG HAMPER RUN. We have 16 families helping - the largest number ever in the history of hamper delivery. Julio will be opening the gates at the back of the hall at 8 am. Don't all arrive at once! A huge thank you to the families taking part in this event.

Yours in Religious Education,
Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be held during the 9.30 Mass at St Kieran's this Sunday. Preschool and primary schoolers are all welcome. Parents - please feel free to come with your child if they would be more comfortable with you there.

We are also looking for volunteers to help run Children's Liturgy in 2023. It will be running monthly at St Kieran's and St Cecilia's, during school term.

We need two leaders for each session, a couple of times a year. Training and resources will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Kate on 0430524316, El on 0417368341 or Janette at the parish office on 02 99494455.

Sport News

Congratulations to Year 5 student David P who has been selected to trial for the Polding tennis team. Last week David attend the Broken Bay Diocese trials and will travel to Lismore next year to attend the Polding trials - good luck David!

Also during the last school holidays David won the Under 10 Hunter Valley Junior Tournament in Newcastle - winning four matches over three days.



THANK YOU TO ALL

As our year draws to a close, I would like to thank the wonderful school and parish community of St Kieran's, Manly Vale. I have felt well supported and appreciated by my colleagues, parish community, students and parents in my role of class teacher and Religious Education Coordinator.

I am grateful for the all the friendships and support I have enjoyed over the years. I have learnt so much from this wonderful community. Yes, the children too have something to teach us all! Thank you for welcoming me into your families and making my role at St Kieran's such a vibrant, energetic, positive and warm experience.

I conclude by wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Mrs Kerrie Wetzlar

Library News

LIBRARY BOOKS ARE NOW DUE! Unfortunately there are still a lot of outstanding books that must be returned by next Tuesday. Books that are not returned will need to be paid for.



P & F News

What a wonderful carols evening we had last Friday in the playground it was lovely to see many families attend this event!

Special thanks to Eleanor Hill for coordinating this event along with Kerrie Wetzlar, Conor Foley as MC, the parent band members - Ben Shaw, Jody Houston, Jane Silcock and Olivia Mortlock we have such great talent amongst our school community! Last but not least Tim Silcock for wearing the big red suit - those cartwheels were outstanding! You have the job again next year!

P&F Team

What's Happening

P & F News

UPCOMING PROPOSED EVENTS:

2023

February: P&F 2023 raffle

Fr 17 Mar: New school year drinks cocktail party

Sat 25 Mar: NSW election BBQ - Volunteers required

Upcoming Key Dates

DECEMBER

Mon 12: Swimming carnival

Tues 13: Y5 Host lunch for Y6
Y6 Mass of celebration

Fri 16: Last day term 4

Term Dates

Term 4: Monday 10 Oct - Fri 16 Dec
2023

Term 1: Monday 30 Jan (MAI and Best
Start assessment)

Tuesday 31 Jan students 1-6
return

Thurs 6 April Last Day Term 1

Canteen Orders

PLEASE NOTE THE CANTEEN WILL NOT BE OPEN ON FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER - LAST DAY FOR ORDERS IS THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER.

We are short on volunteers for Thursday 15 December please call the office or use the link below to sign up.

slots are now open for canteen volunteers for 2023 please click [HERE](#) to put your name down for a shift. We rely on volunteers to help run the canteen!



Social Media



Please help spread the word about our great school community and classroom experiences at St Kieran's by following our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram - please remember to like, share or comment: [st_kierans_manly_vale](#)

Occupational Therapy 2023

Occupational Therapy Helping Children is very excited to be offering a therapy service at St Kieran's in 2023. We are a passionate team of OTs who are dedicated to helping children and families on the Northern Beaches.

We have a purpose built clinic at Frenchs Forest and see children with a wide variety of developmental needs.

For more information about our service please go to our website. <https://occupationaltherapy.com.au/>

If you would like your child to attend OT at school in 2023, please contact us on 9913 3823 or hello@occupationaltherapy.com.au.

Community News



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